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Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5.2.2(a), Defendants Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, and Comcast Corporation (collectively, "Comcast") hereby apply for leave to file under seal:

Document	Portion to be Sealed
Reply in Support of Comcast's Motion	Page 16, line 4 through line 5;
to Dismiss the Corrected Second	Page 16, line 6 through line 7;
Amended and Supplemental Complaint	Page 16, line 23;
under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure	Page 16, part of footnote 9
12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) ("Reply")	

Comcast seeks to file portions of its concurrently filed Reply under seal. The portions of the Reply that Comcast seeks to file under seal discuss the content of Exhibit A ("Exhibit A") to Comcast's Motion to Dismiss the Corrected Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6), Dkt. No. 598 (the "Motion").1

The documents in Exhibit A (MOCA 1038720 and MOCA 1038721) were produced with a designation of "Restricted – Attorneys' Eyes Only" pursuant to the Protective Order entered in the above-captioned matter. The Court previously granted Comcast's application for leave to file under seal Exhibit A and portions of the Motion discussing its content. Dkt. No. 597 at 2. Counsel for Comcast informed counsel for Plaintiff Entropic Communications, LLC ("Entropic"), of Comcast's intent to seek leave to file portions of the Reply under seal. Declaration of Micah G. Block in support of Comcast's Application for Leave to File Under Seal Comcast's Reply in Support of Comcast's Motion to Dismiss the Corrected Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint under Federal Rules of Civil

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Dkt. No." refers to docket entries in Lead Case No. 2:23-cv-01043-JWH-KES.

## I. BACKGROUND

The Protective Order in the above-captioned matter permits parties to designate certain information produced in response to discovery as "Restricted – Attorneys' Eyes Only." Protective Order § 2.9, Dkt. No. 158. The Protective Order provides that information designated as "Restricted – Attorneys' Eyes Only" is protected material that may only be disclosed to limited categories of persons, *id.* §§ 2.9, 2.17, 7.1, 7.3, and that a party may seek leave to file protected material under seal in accordance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, *id.* § 14.3.

## II. COMPELLING REASONS EXIST TO FILE UNDER SEAL

Courts recognize a general right to inspect and copy public records, but "access to judicial records is not absolute." *Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006). Where a party seeks to file information under seal in connection with a motion that is "more than tangentially related to the merits of a case," a court may grant leave to seal if it finds "a compelling reason and articulate[s] the factual basis for its ruling, without relying on hypothesis or conjecture." *Ctr. of Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1096–1097, 1101 (9th Cir. 2016) (internal quotation marks omitted). The court must then "conscientiously balance[] the competing interests of the public and the party who seeks to keep certain judicial records secret." *Id.* at 1097.

Compelling reasons exist to grant this sealing application. Block Decl. ¶¶ 4–5; see also Dkt. No. 594 ¶¶ 4–5. The Court previously granted Comcast's application for leave to file under seal Exhibit A and portions of the Motion discussing its content. Dkt. No. 597 at 2. Because portions of the Reply discuss the content of Exhibit A, granting this Application is appropriate for the same reasons.

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